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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(March 14, 1949 - April 4, 1949)

SECURITY OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT OPERATIONS IN
VENEZUELA
(See NSC Action No. 193)

NSC 17/4 INTERNAL SECURITY
(See NSC Action No. 194)

NSC 8/1 THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO KOREA
(See NSC Action No. 195)

NSC 42/1 U. S. OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO GREECE AND TURKEY TO
COUNTER SOVIET THREATS TO U. S. SECURITY
(See NSC Action No. 196)

NSC 43 PLANNING FOR WARTIME CONDUCT OF OVERT PSYCHOLOGICAL
WARFARE
(See NSC Action No. 201)

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF FORMOSA
(See Memo for NSC, same subject, dated April 4, 1949)

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2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

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AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 29, 1949)

At its 36th Meeting, the Council referred this report by the Secretary of Defense to the NSC Staff for preparation of a report to the Council in the light of the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which were to be obtained. Staff draft based on JCS views was concurred in by the Consultants and submitted to the Council by memorandum dated March 29, 1949. Approved by NSRB, March 30; by Navy, March 31; by Defense and Air Force, April 1. Awaiting action by State and Army.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd)

DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN UNION

(Memo for the Secretaries of State and Defense, from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 29, 1948; NSC 9/5 and memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 8, 1948; and NSC 9/6)

At the suggestion of the Secretary of Defense the Department of State and the JCS were requested to prepare reports on developments with respect to Western Union and the military conversations in London respectively for consideration by the Council at an early meeting. Report by State circulated for information of the Council, November 8, and NSC 9/5. Report by the JCS circulated for information of the Council, November 29, and NSC 9/6. Awaiting further Council discussion at an appropriate date.

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3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC SUB-COMMITTEE ON GERMANY
(NSC Action No. 176)

The Sub-committee met initially on January 28, 1949, pursuant to the reference action, approved a procedure for its activities and designated representatives as a Steering Group. It was agreed that the Department of State would prepare for consideration by the Steering Group the first draft of a restatement of our policy toward Germany, if possible within the next two weeks; and that the Steering Group should undertake concurrently the preparation of position papers on the following problems, the first four of which should have priority over the remainder:

1. Occupation Statute for Western Germany
2. Trizonal Fusion Agreement
3. German Constitution
4. Ruhr Control Plan
5. Prohibited and Restricted Industries
6. Reparations
7. Western Germany's Long-Range Economic Program
(GARIOA and ECA)
8. Western Berlin Currency Situation

Awaiting report by the Sub-committee.

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4. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

MEASURES REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE U. S. OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE USSR

(Ref. NSC 20/4; NSC 35; Memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary dated March 30, 1949)

On the basis of the statement of U. S. risks and objectives with respect to the USSR (NSC 20/4) as adopted by the Council and approved by the President, the Staff is making final revisions to its preliminary draft of the specific measures required to achieve those objectives, pursuant to NSC Action No. 88-b. In this connection the Staff has considered the views of the JCS on military commitments which were circulated as NSC 35 for Council information and Staff use. Staff draft report presented to Consultants January 11. Referred back to the Staff for revisions in the light of the discussion at the Consultants' meeting on January 17. Staff request that JCS views on "military readiness" be obtained for use in completing final draft of report was transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, January 19. JCS views incorporated by the NSC Staff in a draft report submitted to the Consultants by memorandum dated March 30. Concurred in by Navy and NSRB, April 1. Awaiting action by State, Army, and Air Force.

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5. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

UNITED STATES POLICY IN THE EVENT OF A COMMUNIST THREAT TO ICELAND
(NSC 40)

Study by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on "Future Operations in Iceland" circulated at the request of the Secretary of Defense and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State to the Council for information and referred to the NSC Staff for preparation of a report for Council consideration. State preparing the first draft. Awaiting report from State.

LIMITED MILITARY ARMAMENT FOR JAPAN
(NSC 44 and memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 11, 1949)

Study by the Department of the Army and comments thereon by General MacArthur and the Joint Chiefs of Staff referred by the Secretary of Defense for examination by the NSC Staff with a view to preparing possible amendments to NSC 13/2 for Council consideration. Staff awaiting draft report being prepared by State.

ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND WESTERN POWERS CONCERNING NORTH ATLANTIC SECURITY AND MILITARY AID

The Secretary of State has informally requested the NSC Staff to prepare an analysis on the above subject for Council consideration. A report by the JCS on "Anticipated Position of Scandinavia in Strategic Considerations", dated February 10, 1949, has been made available informally by the Office of the Secretary of Defense for use by the NSC Staff in the preparation of this study. Staff awaiting draft report being prepared in State.

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6. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN (NSC 13/1 and 13/2; NSC Action No. 117-c-(2))

At its 23rd Meeting on October 7 the Council adopted NSC 13/1, subject to amendments, and agreed that paragraphs 5, 9 and 20 should be submitted separately (NSC Action No. 117). Approved report circulated as NSC 13/2. Paragraph 5 adopted as of October 26, and paragraph 9 as of November 19, by NSC Actions Nos. 138 and 143 respectively. Amendment to paragraph 5 adopted February 1 by NSC Action No. 177. Awaiting a joint report by the Secretaries of State, Defense and the Army on paragraph 20.

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA (NSC 19/1 and 19/2; Memo for Secretary of State from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 15, 1948)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC reviewed and discussed the subject but deferred further action pending the results of negotiations referred to by the Department of State in NSC 19/2. As suggested by the Secretary of Defense in the reference memo, the Department of State was requested to prepare a progress report summarizing implementation of NSC 19/1, setting forth any suggestions concerning changes in NSC 19/1 as a basis for reconsideration by the NSC of the policies approved in that report. Awaiting report from State.

INTERNAL SECURITY (NSC 17/4)

Pursuant to paragraph 2-b of NSC 17/4, the Secretaries of State, Treasury and Defense, and the Attorney General were requested by memorandum dated March 23 to designate their representatives on the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security. State's designation received March 30. Awaiting replies from Treasury, Defense and Justice.

Pursuant to paragraph 7 of NSC 17/4, the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference has been requested by memorandum dated March 23 to submit to the NSC, if possible within the next 30 days, a proposed IIC charter. Awaiting draft charter from IIC.

OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont'd)

CONSTRUCTION OF TURKISH AIRFIELDS
(NSC Action 196, b)

After deleting consideration of this subject from the report on Greece and Turkey (NSC 42/1) at its 36th Meeting, the Council agreed that the Department of State should submit for Council consideration within the next three weeks its views, after re-examination, of the desirability of seeking an arrangement with the Turkish Government which would permit the construction of airfields adequate for the operations envisaged in U. S. strategic plans. Awaiting State report.

STOCKPILING OF AVIATION GASOLINE IN TURKEY
(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 4, 1949)

Memo from Secretary of Defense, enclosing Joint Chiefs of Staff recommendation on the subject, circulated for information of the Council and referred to the Secretary of State for consideration and recommendation to the Council, in connection with above study on "Construction of Turkish Airfields". Awaiting State report.

7. DEFERRED PROJECTS

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff December 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued February 25, 1948. Further consideration subsequently deferred until after NSC action on the NSC 20 and 35 Series. Awaiting completion of a study on this subject being prepared by the Department of State as a long-term project.

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